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Dear Steve,

If GMA has not yet heard from Norton about Oswald's Games by Jean Davison I believe it will because they have great expectations of a commercial bonanza and have indicated a large campaign for the book.

I've read page proofs and have annotated them because it is the kind of book that reviewers tend to go for and because it is remarkably and basically dishonest, in ways that cannot be accidental.

No less remarkably, the author completely ignores the hundreds of thousands of pages that have been disclosed under FOIA pressures and litigation, largely mine. I make them readily available to all, whether or not we agree, and even make copies. They are also available in the FBI's public reading room.

As is not unusual, the reader, particularly the reader who has no subject-matter knowledge, is at the mercy of the author and has no independent means of checking sources, as few reviewers have time to do. Almost no reviewers can use her notes because they do not have the material cited. As an example of what this means, she states that Oswald had a low security clearance. But if you check her source, that very page states he had a high security clearance, at least secret. This also is stated in another of the sources she cites, but not on the same page she refers to. In fact, the alleged assassin had both Top Secret and Crypto clearances, as I believe will be public before pub date of this book. I'll let another have these official records and until use I ask you to regard this as confidential.

This is not an exceptional illustration, the major reason for my annotating.

So, if GMA uses her and you want help, I can provide it either by an appearance or by providing you with copies of her proof pages and documentation of untruth. If you want the latter, it might be better if I have a copy of the book to compare with the proofs. I would then xerox the pages and attach the documentation to them.

She does have one sentence on the assassination. a single sentence, and it does not mention all the known injuries.

I've published only six books on this assassination, one devoted to Oswald, so naturally they are not in her bibliography. But Nizer's book on the Rosenberg case is, as are several on Castro and a number devoted to shrinkery.

If I can help I'm usually home from morning therapy by 10:30.

Best Wishes,

Harold Weisberg